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Traffic Traffic TRAFFIC

And there's more to come as Poole's regeneration programme rolls out

Traffic is already a problem. It won't go away. It can only get worse and decisions made in Poole are affecting the quality of life in Upton.

Cllr Fred Drane says "It is vital that we are kept fully informed about the latest situation on the 2000 dwellings proposed on the old power station site and any progress relating to the new bridge. I am pressing for an urgent meeting for residents' groups in Upton and Hamworthy with Poole Borough Council, Dorset County Council and the Harbour Commissioners. Do so many lorries from the Port have to come our way? We need to make it safer for pedestrians and reduce the noise and congestion".

Recent planning applications on infill sites in Upton will simply add to traffic problems across the whole of Upton.



Annette Brooke MP, Cllr Fred Drane & Carroll Rawlings watch traffic thunder along Blandford Road

Regional Spatial Strategy Update

2,750 extra dwellings are proposed in the vicinity of Lytchett Minster.

Although specific sites are not identified at the moment, there could be a devastating impact on Lytchett Minster village and our green belt, an intolerable burden placed on our existing infrastructure, and risks for many if building takes place in the flood plain.

After the Government pronounces on these proposals in the spring there will be a critical 12 week period in which we can have a further say. Annette Brooke MP is urging all local councils, action groups and individual residents to work together and start preparing now for the battle ahead.

Wendy Wants to Hear Your Views!

Councillor Wendy Starr welcomes the continuation of the Poole Dial-a-Bus scheme in Upton.

Wendy says: "as a disabled Upton resident myself I know we need more support for those who find it difficult to access services".

"Please write to me with any suggested improvements you would like to see in Upton. For example, drop kerbs, ramps etc. I will then take up your suggestions with the relevant Councils".

Booking can be made for the Dial-a-Bus service by contacting Poole Council for Voluntary Service on 01202 667187.



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Only 2 out of 4 for Dorset County Council's Adult Social Care Services

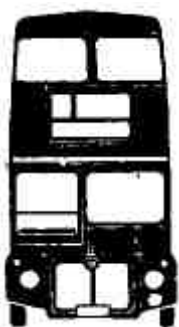
Services for the elderly and vulnerable have plummeted under Tory controlled Dorset County Council. The Audit Commission only gave Dorset 2 stars out of a possible 4 in a recent evaluation. This will not come as a surprise to many residents struggling to cope.

Cllr Fred Drane successfully proposed a motion to Purbeck District Council calling on the County Council not to close Swanage Day Centre and we can now report that Dorset County Council

has reversed most of its original proposals on day centre closures. Swanage will remain open and so will Wareham but we have to watch out for cuts in staffing and other cutbacks.

The Liberal Democrats recently proposed an extra 10 per week council tax (Band D) on top of the Tories proposals for the County Council budget, all to be spent on improving adult social care. The Tories' rejected this. Will they find efficiency savings or will they just allow our services to plummet still further?

Further Restrictions To Free Bus Pass



Purbeck District Council have reverted to a Government decision to restrict free bus travel to after 9.30am. There is however good news: from April senior citizens will be able to use their bus passes in all areas.

Your Lib Dem Team are pressing for flexibility from the bus services when people have to commence a journey before 9.30am, with Councillor Fred Drane writing to the Managing Director of Wilts & Dorset Bus Company.



Upton Heath Regeneration Programme

There are plenty of ideas but we need to see more results. Cllr Fred Drane says "For my part I will continue to fight for real action, so that we see improvements for Upton Heath residents".

Friends of Upton Library

The Library hours have already been cut by 11.5 hours - will it stop there?

A strong Friends Group will help save our library. Two meetings have now taken place but there is much to do. You can express your support simply by signing up to be a Friend, by going one stage further and offering to help occasionally at any organised events or by joining the committee. More support in all categories is needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14th, 7.30pm at the library. All are welcome.

Working for You

If we can help you with a problem in our area, please contact us today

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CONGRATULATIONS

to Cllrs Andrew and Wendy Starr
who became grandparents
on 27th January.

Elliott George weighed 5lbs 15 1/2oz



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- I would like to join the Lib Dems
- I will deliver my road once a month
- I will be voting Lib Dem at the next election